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Farrell takes command of Walla Walla District

WALLA WALLA, Wash. – Lt. Col. Michael J. Farrell assumed command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District, in a ceremony held in Walla Walla today.

Brig. Gen. William E. Rapp, commanding general of the Corps' Northwestern Division, officiated as Lt. Col. Anthony J. Hofmann transferred command to Farrell. Hofmann served as the District commander for the past two years.

The Walla Walla District is one of 41 Districts within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It is responsible for managing environmental, hydroelectric, navigation, engineering, construction, emergency management and recreation services within a region covering 107,000 square miles and includes parts of six states. That also includes operating and maintaining six hydroelectric power facilities and \$2.5 billion worth of infrastructure.

Farrell most recently served as the deputy commander of the Corps' Europe District, headquartered in Weisbaden, Germany, providing planning, design, construction, environmental services and project management to meet customer infrastructure requirements; engineering services supporting the Theater Security Cooperation Plan; and field force engineering supporting the U.S. European Command and U.S. African Command. Europe District's theater of operations includes Western and Eastern Europe, Russia, Israel and most of the African continent.

For more information about Walla Walla District, check out our Web site at www.nww.usace.army.mil.

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NOTE – Lt. Col. Farrell's complete biography is provided on a separate page distributed with this news release. A print-quality photo of Lt. Col. Farrell is available online at www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/pa/NR/NR08_files/NR08-54PIX/NR08-54PIXPage.htm. Photos from the change of command ceremony will be posted online for download not later than 4 p.m. on the Walla Walla District Public Affairs Office news release page www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/pa/NR/NR08_files/NR08.htm.

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Michael J. Farrell

Lieutenant Colonel

Commander and District Engineer



Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Farrell will assume command of the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on June 27, 2008. Born and raised in Monona, Wisconsin, Lieutenant Colonel Farrell was commissioned into the Corps upon graduation from Princeton University in 1989.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell's assignments included service as a Platoon Leader and Assistant Adjutant, 237th Engineer Battalion, Heilbronn, Germany; Adjutant, 44th Engineer Battalion, Camp Howze, Korea; Assistant S3 Operations, Civil Engineer, and Company Commander, 864th Engineer Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington; Assistant Professor of

Military Science, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse; Project Engineer, Structural Engineer and Deputy Chief, Design Branch, Pittsburgh District, Corps; S3 and Executive Officer, Special Troops Battalion, Fort Richardson, Alaska; Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Engineer, Ninewa, Iraq under the Gulf Region North District, Corps; Deputy Commander, Europe District, Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Scout Platoon Leadership Course, the French Commando School, and the Command and General Staff College. He has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Princeton University, and a master of science degree in construction engineering from Cranfield University, England. He is a Chartered Engineer and Member, Institution of Civil Engineers, England.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal (two awards), Army Achievement Medal (three awards), the National Defense Service Medal (one Bronze Service Star), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 4), the French Commando Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.